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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 9, 2006, and the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance made therein, please enter the following remarks:

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REMARKS

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance found on page 3 of the Office Action mailed 9/16/05, and referenced in the Notice of Allowance mailed March 9, 2006, indicate that the prior art of record fails to teach a semiconductor device in the combination of the limitations as claimed where the device must be formed by the specific process including (3) depositing a barrier material along the walls and bottom of the trench, (4) implanting a dopant of a conductivity type opposite to the conductivity type of the epitaxial layer through the barrier material lining at the at least one annular edge and at the trench bottom and into adjacent portions of the epitaxial layer to respectively form at least one annular doped region and another doped region, (5) diffusing the dopant in the at least one annular doped region and another doped region to cause the at least one annular doped region to overlap one another, whereby a continuous doped column is formed in the epitaxial layer.

Applicant respectfully submits that patentability is not limited solely to the elements of the claims partially set out in the reasons for allowance, but rather it is the exact wording of each of the pending claims in their *entirety* that constitutes the sole basis for allowance over the art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that Claims 27-29 remain in condition for allowance. Should the examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the comments above or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

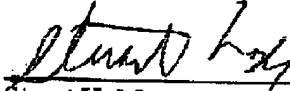
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